

February/March 2019



Still Needed
Girls and boys trousers
age 3-4 and 4-5

Please Note

We need to have all current and outstanding invoices paid by Friday 22nd March so that we can prepare our end of year accounts for the auditors.

Newsletter

A big 'Welcome' to our new member of staff, Holly, who will be working regularly in the pre-school. 😊



Match Funding



If anyone works for a company that does match funding please nominate us – we are a charity and with no increase in the government funding for next year we need to raise more money to meet increasing costs.

We are still looking to fundraise for our outside play area and so anyone running in the Brentwood Half Marathon or Fun Run, please consider running for Team Little Doves. See Pam for sponsor forms.

Moo Music

Will be coming to Little Doves on a Wednesday morning this half term. Lots of you have recommended her and we are all very excited 😊 We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.50 on this half term's invoice

Retirement

Rev Mark James will be retiring from St Paul's Church at the end of Feb 2019. Thank you Mark for all your support for Little Doves – we would not have opened without you! Happy Retirement 😊

Bad Weather

In bad weather Pam will text or email you as early as possible in the morning if the pre-school is closed. The road leading to the hall has to be safe. Please make sure we have current contact details.

New room arrangement

By now you may have noticed we have made alterations to the planned activities in the room. This has been changed to facilitate the different ages and needs of all the children. Please remember to praise and celebrate the successes of your child. Use our **WOW** certificates and tell us about anything wonderful your child has done in their contact books.

Parent Questionnaire

These have been going out before half term. Please give it back when you can. It is really good for us to have feedback – great ideas can come from these forms 😊

Visits with your child's key person this half term

Invitations will be going out this half term. This will be on an appointment basis, lasting about 10 minutes and will give you the opportunity to view your child's Development Matters and Learning Journal and discuss your child's progress or any other matters with their key person. Please note that your child's folder is a 'work in progress' and will continue to develop across their time at Little Doves Christian Pre-School.

**Little Doves
Facebook Page
Friends of Little Doves**

Thank you to everyone who has recently requested to join our page. Please remember to log in frequently to see photos showing what the children have been doing in their sessions and to see notices of events and activities.

Very Important

It is very important that you let us know if anyone different is picking up your child. Please fill in the correct Collection form and write in the Sign-in register. Also remember to tell the person picking up your child the password.



EVEN MORE IMPORTANT NOW

Since the new uniform lots of children have the same clothes – please remember to put your child's name in their clothes.



Pam has a marker pen at the door if you have forgotten. Please ask.

Please remember to bring in verification of your postcode and your child's birth certificate.

Essex County Council require us to verify the postcode where your child lives and therefore please bring in some form of identification to enable us to do this. e.g. driving licence, utilities bill.

Newly Funded Children April 2019

We **MUST** see your child's birth certificate to verify their date of birth so please bring this in as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

30 hour Extended Funding Parents

Please remember to re-confirm your eligibility each term. If you are a new parent claiming 30 hours funding please ask for a 'permission to check' form.

Gift Aid Forms

As we are a charity, and, if you are a UK tax payer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, we can claim Gift Aid on the money you give to us. Please ask a member of staff for a Gift Aid form. This will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given (at current rate) at no extra cost to you or us. **Please note: The person named on the Gift Aid form must be a taxpayer and the person who pays the invoice.**

For cash payers we are providing you with envelopes with a Gift Aid declaration sticker - please use the envelope and complete the declaration when you pay the fees if you are a UK tax payer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation.

Dates for your diary 2019

Wonky Wednesday: 13th March **9am** start

Last day of term: Friday 29th March

Summer term starts: Tuesday 23rd April

Please note: our Easter holiday is 3 weeks long. Essex County Council's funding for pre-school's for the Spring term is 11 wks.

Sessions for Easter & Sept 2019

Please confirm with Pam in writing the sessions you would like your child to attend in Easter 2019 (we are almost full!!) and Sept 2019 as soon as possible.

Interest Table Topic

26th Feb & 5th March: Manners & Being Good Friends. Letter: m; numbers: 1-10; shape: square; colours: black & white

12th, 19th, 26th March: Easter. Letter: e; numbers: 1-12; shape: oval; colour: yellow

Staff Training

Well done to all staff who are doing extra e-learning training.

**NEW Little Doves T-Shirts,
Polo shirts & Sweatshirts**

see Julie or Pam for order forms

Date for your diary - Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt – last week of March